LOCATION

The Arboretum is within easy motoring distance of Los Angeles, Pasadena, Monrovia and Temple City.

Other beautiful gardens such as Descanso Gardens in La Canada, Huntington Gardens in San Marino and Santa Ana Botanic Gardens in Claremont are easily reached from the Arboretum.

LOS ANGELES STATE AND COUNTY ARBORETUM

301 North Baldwin Avenue Arcadia, California
HIllcrest 6-8251

OBJECTIVES

The Los Angeles County Department of Arboeta and Botanic Gardens is developing and managing the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum as well as Descanso Gardens (ask for brochure) and the South Coast Botanic Gardens which is still in the initial development stage.

While the Arboretum site already is planted to large trees of botanical and horticultural interest, extension and development of this planting under a broad master plan is being accomplished. The Los Angeles State and County Arboretum is fast becoming:

1. A horticultural center for Southern California, providing facilities for the promotion of horticulture and floriculture, fostering more extensive and intelligent use of ornamental plants and trees to enhance Southern California's gardens, parks and parkways.

2. A center for the introduction, testing and improvement of plants adaptable to Southern California.

3. A gardening school for training gardeners, garden superintendents, propagators and other skilled personnel required by commercial and private nurseries and gardens; with special events and a portion of the curriculum of interest to amateurs.

4. A center of research and scientific study, working in collaboration with educational institutions and with Federal, State and County departments of agriculture.

5. An information center maintaining a complete catalogue of all plants cultivated in Southern California, where specimens can be readily identified, and practical advice given on planting, propagation and cultivation.

6. A library and herbarium.

7. A publication center for bulletins, books and pamphlets of horticultural, botanical and historical interest.

8. A preserve of early California architecture and authentic historical gardens.

9. A bird sanctuary.

Peacocks Freely Roam the Grounds.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation within the grounds is furnished daily. The conducted tram tour completes a circuit every half hour and will stop for passengers at any of the designated "Tram Stops." It will take you to the various points of interest where you may get off and walk about the grounds.

A walk through the Historical section is highly recommended. Here you will see the lagoon which furnished water to the Indians; the old adobe house of the early (1839) "Scotch Paisano", Hugo Reid, and his Indian wife, Victoria; E. J. "Lucky" Baldwin's "Queen Anne Cottage" and carriage house—all set amid the beauty of towering trees, some of them over a hundred years old. After inspecting these monuments of the past you may follow a jungle trail which goes along the north side of the lagoon. Naturalist guides will be glad to answer your questions.

Jeep trains are furnished by the non-profit California Arboretum Foundation, Inc. Your contributions will help keep them running.

All visitors are requested to observe the Arboretum policies posted at the information center. Among others the following rules should be noted:

1. Visitors are requested not to handle or disturb plants or their labels.
2. No picnics or lunches are permitted on the grounds.
3. Children are admitted subject to adequate adult supervision.
4. As the Arboretum is a wildlife sanctuary, pets are not admitted.

LASCA LAGOON AND PALMS

What is the Arboretum?

It is a place where trees and shrubs are grown for educational and research purposes. The educational program includes conducted jeep train tours, plants accurately labeled, organized classes in horticulture, lectures, gardens to demonstrate use of new plants, plant practices, landscaping techniques, counseling on plant problems and identification of plants.

An important feature is the children's educational program. It is recognized that children with an active interest in nature do not become juvenile delinquents. This program includes plant identification, junior botany, nature study and plant sketching.

The education program of the Arboretum spreads existing knowledge about plants; the research program develops new knowledge.

Plant introduction and testing is aimed at finding new ornamental plants for Southern California homes and landscapes. Present research is being conducted on local problems of lawn maintenance, oak root fungus and flower development. Selections of subtropical fruit trees are being grown for demonstration purposes for home owners in Southern California.

Joining with the U. S. Forestry Service, the Arboretum is participating in research on drought and slow burning plants for our chaparral covered mountains. Results from this work indicate that several plant species may be useful to control erosion and resist burning during forest fires.

Visitors as well as serious students find the attractive setting of the Arboretum a stimulating place to gain an appreciation of plant life.

Increased leisure and a climate for all year gardening open vistas for the amateur horticulturist and the home gardener. In a county expecting a population of 10,000,000 within ten years, Arboretum research will benefit many people.

OPERATED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARBORETA AND BOTANIC GARDENS

DR. WILLIAM S. STEWART, *Director*

GROUNDS TRANSPORTATION
9:00 AM to dusk—exact closing hour is posted at entrance.

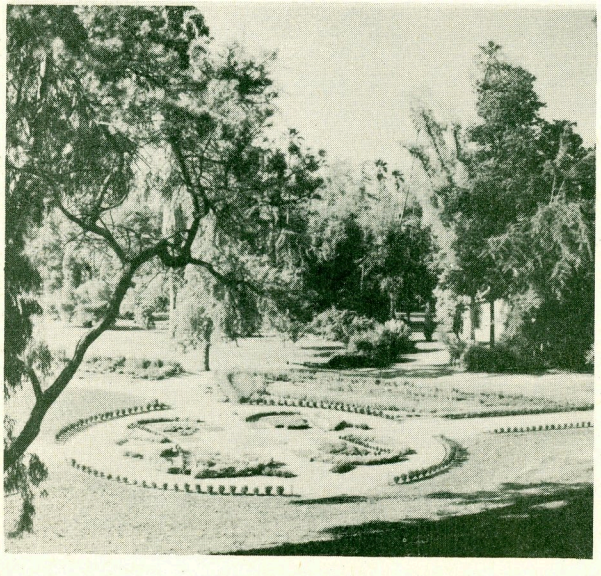
TRANSPORTATION
Daily—10:30 AM to 4:00 PM

For additional information telephone
HIllcrest 6-8251 or MUrray 1-5277

NO ADMISSION CHARGE

SITE

The site, which is the Center of the old Rancho Santa Anita, once owned by "Lucky" Baldwin includes a five-acre lagoon, surrounded by flat and slightly rolling land, with some semimarsh terrain, and a large knoll, which rises about fifty feet above the surrounding area. The total property comprises about 127 acres. The original 111 acres for the Arboretum were purchased jointly by the County of Los Angeles and the State of California. Subsequent parcels for parking and the main entrance were purchased by the County of Los Angeles.



HERB GARDEN
Sponsored by Southern California Unit of Herb Society of America

QUEEN ANNE COTTAGE
Restored by Historical Committee of California Arboretum Foundation, Inc.

HISTORY

Indians freely roamed the site of our Arboretum until the establishment of Mission San Gabriel in 1771. Thereafter it became known as Santa Anita, a mission rancho, and remained church property until a portion was given by the padres to an Indian woman of the Comicrabit clan, in appreciation of her housekeeping services at the Mission. Shortly afterward she married Hugo Reid, a Scot engaged in coastal trade. On April 16, 1841, Governor Alvarado granted provisional title to this "Scotch Paisano," and from an adobe home on the beautiful Rancho Santa Anita the Reids dispensed prodigious hospitality and wonderful meals — all produce of the place. Don Hugo achieved fame as a writer, a fearless champion of his wife's people, and a framer of California's first constitution.

Reid sold the ranch to his friend, Henry Dalton, an Englishman who settled in California after years of business life in Lima, Peru. Dalton planted many acres to vineyards and originated the still popular method of packing grapes in sawdust. The next owner was William Wolfskill, who started the first commercial orange orchards in California; one located at 7th and Broadway in Los Angeles. Among later owners was Harris Newmark, a pioneer merchant well known for his reminiscences of that early life. In 1875 the fabulous "Lucky" Baldwin, after success in mining, acquired the property and developed the original homesite into an exotic park surrounding the lake. He lived in the simple old Reid adobe and built the fanciful "Queen Anne Cottage", for entertaining. The carriage house also was constructed at this time. These early owners of Santa Anita have left us a precious legacy in buildings, in trees, and in a nostalgic atmosphere which need never be lost. The three old buildings and adjacent gardens have been authentically restored.